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REMARKS

Claim 11 has been amended to correct a self-evident typographical error.

Rejection of Claims 7-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner stated that the term "pre-polymerized polymer component and monomer" lacks antecedent basis in amended claim 1.

Claim 7 has been amended to more clearly define that which Applicants regard as the invention. Support for the amendment to Claim 7 can be found in the specification, for example, at page 5, lines 3-11. As amended, it is believed that Claims 7 and 8 are definite and meet the requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In the Advisory Action dated May 16, 2007, the Examiner stated that amended Claim 7 overcame the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Podszun (U.S. Patent No. 4,617,327).

In the Advisory Action dated May 16, 2007, the Examiner stated that the amendments to Claims 21 and 22 raise new issues that would require further consideration and search. While not agreeing with the Examiner's determination that the amendments raise new issues, Applicant wishes to speed prosecution of this application and believes that canceling these claims will lead to issuance of the remaining the claims in this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these canceled claims in a continuing application.

Claims Not Entered from Amendment After Final

In the Advisory Action dated May 16, 2007, the Examiner also stated that new Claims 40-44 raise new issues that would require further consideration and search. Again, while not

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agreeing with the Examiner that these claims raise new issues, Applicant wishes to speed prosecution of this application and has decided not to pursue these claims in this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a continuing application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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